

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the Title as follows:

A METHOD FOR MAKING PIECES FOR A MAGNETIC NEEDLE SHIM  
BARRESONANCE IMAGING MAGNET

Amend the Abstract as follows:

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A ~~shim piece and method of production thereof for~~  
producing a shim piece for a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)  
~~magnet are disclosed.~~ The shim piece is used to form a shim of  
a magnet and is designed to suppress eddy currents in the shim  
created by the introduction of a gradient magnetic field. The  
shim piece is formed by a plurality of ferromagnetic rods placed  
side-by-side and surrounded by a dielectric material.